

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 17-21 have been amended. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added and request reconsideration of the claims currently pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-16.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, indicating that an election was required between Group I, claims 1-16, and Group II, claims 17-20. In addition, the Examiner required election of a single species, Species 1 characterized by Figures 1A, 1B and 3, Species 2 characterized by Figure 4, and Species 3 characterized by Figure 5.

Applicants believe that the combination/subcombination restriction should not be required in view of the amendments to claims 17-21. However, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-16, and Species 1 and 2. Species 2 (Fig. 4) is a bottom plan view of the same embodiment in Species 1, so Applicants believe that it should not be a separate species election. Claim 1 is generic.

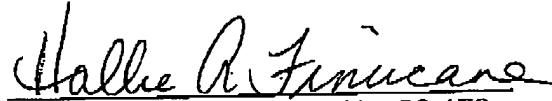
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane at (612) 334-3222.

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